

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To easily handle changes in media, a CPU indirectly controls a front end, including a tuner, a demodulator, and an error corrector, with a common control command, independent of a zone and a transmission medium. That is, an application program of the CPU creates a control command based on a command set defined in advance, and sends it out to the front end via an interface. The control application of the front end converts the control command transferred via an interface into a data format recognizable by the tuner, the demodulator, and the error corrector, and transfers it to a driver. The driver controls each processing unit based on the control command.

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